

## Children Pose Problems in Autos

Transportation of small children in the family car was described today as one of the persistent driving problems faced by automobile drivers everywhere.

According to Captain P. J. Ford of the California Highway Patrol office in the South Los Angeles area, Highway Patrol officers frequently encounter cars in which small children can be seen standing up on the seats along side the driver.

"This is extremely unsafe practice," the Captain warned, "and often results in injury. There is no way for an unsuspecting child to catch himself when the driver hits the brakes in a sudden stop. So same part of his anatomy, often his face and head, hits the windshield or dashboard. In fact, small children loose anywhere in a moving vehicle are a continuing distraction to the driver."

### Gets New Post

Edwin H. Peters, of 321 Via Sebastian, has been named assistant manager of Security First National Bank's Del Amo Center branch. A Navy veteran, he is married and the father of two daughters.

insist that small youngsters remain seated in the cars and fastened in by seat belts. "Many families find it easiest to make a direct transition from the baby car seats to seat belts, so that the small youngster becomes accustomed to being restrained while riding in a vehicle," he concluded.

The best answer to the problem, according to the local Patrol Commander, is to

## Extension Sets Short Story Class

Enrollment is open for a University of California Extension fall class, "Modern America Through the Short Story," offered in room 325 at North High School.

Class discussions on today's trends and problems reflected in the short story will be led by Dr. Ann Benson, associate professor of English, Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

Fee and enrollment information may be obtained by phoning University Extension at 478-9711, extension 4861.

## Chace Names Two to New Terms on Efficiency Group

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has reappointed two men to positions on the County Efficiency and Economy Committee.

Chace's reappointment of Robert Mitchell, Los Angeles businessman, and Dr. John C. Bollens, UCLA political science professor, were confirmed by the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday.

"Both Mitchell and Dr. Bollens have been excellent members of this important county committee," Chace said. "I am pleased to re-

commend their appointments." Mitchell is chairman of the board of Consolidated Rock Products Co. of Los Angeles. Dr. Bollens lives in Pacific Palisades.

Chace pointed out that he has not selected a successor for A. C. Rubel, his third appointee to the committee. Rubel, who was chairman, died recently.

The 15-member committee is appointed by the Board of Supervisors as an advisory group on improving county operations and services.



STATE HONOR . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn accepts a resolution of the State Legislature from Sen. James Wedworth (D-Los Angeles) commending Los Angeles County's Community Work and Training Program. The program, initiated by Hahn, has resulted in training and new jobs for nearly 17,000 persons previously on welfare rolls. A net savings of \$1 million a month to taxpayers has been reported as a result of the training program.

## ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

The subject of money is never dull. One can not spend more than a few hours in any activity without becoming concerned with the thought of making money or spending money. There seems to be no place on earth where money is not sought after — either for services rendered or goods purchased. The American dollar has a high value anywhere you travel.

People who travel will tell you that a fairly good knowledge of currency exchange values is a must in every country you visit. Figuring the rate of exchange sometimes takes a person longer than the time he will be staying in that country. England has a system that uses the pound that is worth \$2.00 and as you might guess, the things that are priced in pounds there are usually figured by Americans as dollars — so the jolt always comes when it is time to pay.

France and West Germany both are quite stable in their currency exchange now. The exchange rate in France is five francs to one U.S. \$1 and in West Germany the rate is four Deutschmarks to one U.S. \$1. Italy still has her old system of valuation that gives you 625 lire to one U.S. \$1. Their large notes are almost as large as a small newspaper and everyone who has gone to Italy, knows that even \$20 will buy enough Italian lire to fill your pockets.

TRAVELERS checks are a must for travelers in foreign countries. Every country has its share of "con" artists, thieves, and hold-up men. The greed that prompts some people to exchange U.S. dollars on the black market in such places as Moscow, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Istanbul, and many other places leaves them wide open to receive counterfeit money. In Paris, this past summer, there was a gang circulating among the tourist hotels offering 600 French francs for \$100 — just enough to make it interesting and not too much to appear phoney.

The gimmick was to secretly show six 100 franc notes to the poor sap who was about to part with his hard-earned \$100 — then at the exact moment of transfer, a female member of the gang, dressed in a mini-skirt would "disturb" the sap long enough for the brains of the gang to

pull a switch in the money. The sap ends up with six notes of French money — five franc notes wrapped with one 100 franc note!

Using travelers checks will cut down this sort of shenanigans and your money is always guaranteed to be returned to you in case of theft or loss of any kind; I always travel with a minimum of cash and a maximum of travelers checks. Their guarantee does not always deter the thief however — but cashing a stolen travelers check is difficult, as the companies that issue them maintain a most efficient detection group of people throughout the world.

THE ONE and only time I have ever had anything stolen from me on a trip was travelers checks. It happened, of all places, in the best hotel in Bangkok. As a tour-conductor usually carries a large amount of checks to pay the bills with, it is advisable to check them in the hotel safe or safety-deposit boxes, whichever the case may be. In this particular situation, it was safety-deposit boxes — one that took two keys to open, mine and theirs.

Being of a very trusting nature, I did not bother to count all of the checks after leaving each hotel. A couple of stops after Bangkok I did manage to count them very carefully and noticed that two \$100 checks were missing from the back of the stack. I reported it right away and was reimbursed with a minimum of red tape. But I still did not know where and how I had really lost them.

Six months later I found out. This particular hotel in Bangkok wrote to me and inquired why I had stopped payment on two of the eleven \$100 travelers checks I had paid the hotel bill with. The two stolen checks had been taken out of the safety-deposit box which meant that it was an inside job — and they were so informed. This summer, while staying at this same hotel, I noticed that all of their safety-deposit boxes were now in full view of everyone in the lobby — not hidden in a special room, as before.

## Pamphlet Tells of DA's Work

A pamphlet explaining the role of the District Attorney's office has been approved by county supervisors. The board has voted to print and distribute 10,000 copies of the pamphlet. It is entitled "The Functions and Responsibilities of the District Attorney's Office." The booklet, aimed at encouraging residents to cooperate and assist the District Attorney and his staff, will cost \$225, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

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